



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, April 22, 2015

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-1868)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia and Commissioner Barbara Bigby

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Roy Sinclair. (15-1869)

Call to Order. (15-1706)

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the April 15, 2015 Minutes. (15-1707)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, this item was approved with the following correction.

Page 1, Item #1 should read “On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby...”

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for April 22, 2015. (15-1708)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Article and information with the Commission:

Los Angeles Times

- **Outbreaks Shrouded in Secrecy (April 19, 2015)**

Chairperson Montaña reported that she was honored at the 31st Justice for Homicide Victims Memorial Foundation Event on April 19, 2015, for her life-long work on behalf of victims.

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3. Treasurer's Report for April 22, 2015. (15-1709)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$584.90.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for April 22, 2015. (15-1710)

Staff reported that Commissioners Burton and Grills sent an email to advise the Commission that they were unable to attend the April 22, 2015 Sybil Brand Commission meeting. Commissioner Scott T. Johnson also sent an email to advise the Commission of his resignation from the Sybil Brand Commission.

Staff concluded by reporting that Sergeant April Carter, Custody Services Division, Sheriff Department, provided an email follow-up to the Commissioners inquiry into the death of Sara Corliss in January of 2015, an inmate at Century Regional Detention Facility. She reported that Homicide Detective Gary Sloan is handling the investigation and that he speaks with the coroner on a weekly basis regarding the case and there's no update at this time. To date there is still no cause of death, no toxicology, no sign of trauma and no ideas of how this inmate died.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on April 22, 2015. (15-1711)

In Compliance

- Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Heritage Group Homes #3 (East Eckerman Avenue, West Covina, CA) on April 9, 2015; and Heritage Group Homes #1 (Country Wood Drive, Phillips Ranch, CA) on April 2, 2015.
6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from April 16, 2015 to April 21, 2015. (15-1712)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Santa Clarita Sheriff Station (Magic Mountain Parkway, Valencia, CA) on April 20, 2015 and noted that there is in-adequate staffing which poses safety issues for the sheriff's deputies and inmates and the facility needs additional surveillance cameras. The Commissioners directed staff to report these findings in the monthly non-satisfactory report to the Board of Supervisors.
- Commissioner Bigby also visited Santa Clarita Sheriff Station (Magic Mountain Parkway, Valencia, CA) on April 21, 2015 and noted that the facility is in-adequately staffed.
- Commissioners Bigby and Arias-Bhatia visited Five Acres "Solita Group Home" (Solita Road, Pasadena, CA) on April 16, 2015 and noted that all the bedrooms need cleaning and the facility should stock more vegetables for the youth.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-1713)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-1714)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of April 22, 2015. (15-1715)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of April 22, 2015 at 11:21 a.m., in memory of Marvella Leach, who advocated for victims' rights and "Marsy's Law".